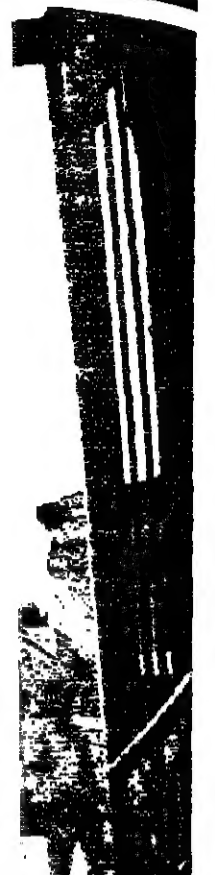


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IS55b. budget cut on cabinet's agenda

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The cabinet will today renew its discussion on a IS55 billion cut in the government budget, including a IS20b. slash in the Defence Ministry budget.
Economic observers in Jerusalem pointed out yesterday that the cabinet is not likely to reach a final decision today, because of sharp division among ministers on the ways to implement the cuts.
The cabinet on Friday received a general review of the Israel Defence Forces position by the Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy and senior army officers.
Levy and the officers stressed the dangers that would result from implementing the IS20b. cut demanded by the Treasury, especially when the Arab armies have greatly increased their strength.
Industry Minister Gideon Patt later described the review, delivered by the head of military intelligence, Aluf Ehud Barak, as "improper" and "full of fairy tales." Last night on Television news Patt backtracked from this statement after Defence Minister Moshe Arens praised Barak's review as "comprehensive and exact."
Most ministers support the Treasury's demand for a cut in the defence budget. But Arens will try to spread the cuts over as long a period as possible.
During today's meeting, Liberal Party ministers will strongly oppose a proposal by Labour Minister

Aharon Uzan to impose a 0.3 per cent tax on cheque accounts. Uzan, for his part, has made it clear that he will support the cuts package only if it is approved *en bloc*.
Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor are likely to clash over the proposed cuts in the Education Ministry budget.
Hammer has stated that he will oppose both the cuts in schooling hours, which the Treasury has proposed, and the abolishment of free secondary school education.
Aridor, for his part, is expected to tell the cabinet that the package is vital and that it should be approved. He will stress that in his opinion the defence budget can be cut without jeopardizing the country's security.
Deputy Agriculture Minister Fessah Grupper has said he will oppose the imposition of Value Added Tax on fresh produce.
Other taxes which the cabinet will be called upon to approve include doubling of the foreign travel tax from \$50 to \$100. This step still requires cabinet approval and will not go into effect before this.
Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir said yesterday that he was opposed to an increase in the travel tax. Instead, he said, he favoured imposing the regular 15 per cent VAT on plane tickets.
Sharir added, however, that he opposed the imposition of VAT on local purchases by tourists in foreign currency.

Lebanese stands soften

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The Lebanese government is now more prepared than it was previously to negotiate with the Shouf Mountain Druse over their political future, following the drubbing it took at the hands of Druse artillery last week, and the embarrassing seizure of three cabinet ministers by Druse kidnappers.
Similarly, President Amin Jemayel and his government are now more aware of the urgent and unavoidable need to negotiate with Israel over the Israel Defence

Forces' imminent redeployment and arrangements to replace IDF forces in the Shouf with Lebanese Army units.
This is the Israeli impression, according to informed sources in Jerusalem, after a round of talks on Friday between U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane and the Israeli foreign and defence ministers. McFarlane flew to Tel Aviv from Beirut on Friday morning and met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens at the Defence

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Shelling, rockets end Lebanese ceasefire

BEIRUT (AP). — Christian and Druse militiamen traded artillery and rocket barrages in Lebanon's Shouf mountains and on the outskirts of Beirut yesterday, shattering a two-day-old ceasefire, the state radio reported.
The radio quoted a police spokesman as saying shells and rockets slammed into Christian residential neighbourhoods in East Beirut in the new exchanges. But there was no immediate casualty report.
Among stricken neighbourhoods were Mekalles, Sin Elfil, Dikwaneh, and Tel Zaatar. Shells also landed in the Christian summer resort towns of Brummana and Rumieh, the radio said.
The new flare-up came hours after Druse opposition leader Walid Jumblatt said in a newspaper interview his militia would "fight to the bitter end" to prevent Christian foes from destroying Lebanon's 200,000-strong Druse community.
Jumblatt also said his militiamen would not allow Beirut's international airport to reopen "in the foreseeable future" nor permit the Lebanese army to replace Israeli troops in the Shouf without an advance agreement.

Jumblatt's interview in the leftist daily *As Saifa* came as the Syrian-backed Druse leader held talks with Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal in Taif, the summer seat of King Fahd's government.
The official Saudi press agency did not say what was discussed. But *As Saifa* reported that Saudi Arabia invited Jumblatt to Taif on Friday to try to settle his dispute with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel and Jemayel's father Pierre who is head of the rightist Christian Phalange party.
The Phalange party newspaper *Al Amal* said the Jemayel government was preparing plans for a national reconciliation conference with political leaders of various Lebanese communities to map out a charter for Lebanon's survival. It gave no details on when such a conference might be held.
A dialogue on power-sharing has been a key demand of the Druse and Moslem communities. The government's position has been that such a debate would be unfruitful until a withdrawal of foreign armies was complete because politicians in occupied areas of Lebanon would be unable to speak freely.



French paratroops and military transport move by raft across the Chari river (between Cameroon and Chad) to arrive in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena on Friday. (UPI telephoto)

Chad troops retreat to new line

N'DJAMENA (AP). — Chad government forces, retreating before continuous Libyan air strikes, have set up defensive positions only 350 km. north of the capital. Information Minister Soumaila Mahamat announced yesterday.
Soumaila said the forces of President Hissene Habre had established a new defence line running east to west through the towns of Sala and Biltine, implying that the desert north of that line had been abandoned to the rebel forces of Chad's former president Goukouni Oueddei and their Libyan allies.
In Sala and Biltine, the government forces were at least temporarily out of range of the Libyan Sukhoi and MIG-22 fighter bombers operating from a base near the Libyan border.
Soumaila said loyalist troops withdrew from the desert outpost of Koro Toro under cover of darkness because it offered no cover from the Libyan strafing and divebombing.
Koro Toro is 210 km. south of the strategic northern oasis of Faya-Largeau, which was lost on Wednesday to a massive assault of Libyan planes, tanks and heavy artillery. Soumaila told a news conference that the bulk of Faya-Largeau's garrison had pulled back 280 miles (450 km.) to Salai in two days.
In the eastern sector, Soumaila said, a government garrison in Oum Chalouba, 320 km. southeast of Faya-Largeau, was still holding out but was subjected to a "murderous non-stop bombardment" by the Libyan planes.
Goukouni yesterday said that 500 troops loyal to Habre were killed and another 100 captured in fighting for Faya-Largeau. The claim was made in a radio broadcast carried by the official Libyan news agency Jana and monitored in Beirut.
There was no independent confirmation of the combat situation as outlined by Soumaila, since all Western reporters are barred from the area. However, Western military sources with access to satellite and intelligence information said Habre's forces have staged an organized withdrawal from virtually all the northern half of the landlocked former French colony.
The anchor of the eastern end of the new defensive line was the important city of Abeche, 80 km.

Saudis urge Jumblatt to resolve rift

RIYADH. — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia yesterday held talks with Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, as part of the kingdom's drive to defuse tension between Lebanon's Druse and Christian communities.
The official Saudi press agency reported the meeting in a terse, straight-forward manner but without details. The king met with Jumblatt at the Saudi summer capital of Taif.
Knowledgeable sources said Fahd tried to talk Jumblatt into resorting to pacific means for healing the rift between his Progressive Socialist Party and the right-wing Phalange militia.
Jumblatt said on his arrival Friday night that he had been invited by the Saudis and expected to be in the kingdom for one or two days.
The Druse leader reiterated a list of 10 demands released with three kidnapped Lebanese cabinet ministers, including the resignation of Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan.
He said he saw no reason for his forces to permit the reopening of Beirut airport, closed by shell and rocket fire, so long as it was used for what he said were military operations against the Druse.
(AP, Reuters)

Egyptian envoys herald new diplomatic offensive

CAIRO (AP). — An Egyptian envoy left on Saturday for Lebanon and Jordan with messages from President Hosni Mubarak to President Amin Jemayel and King Hussein, a foreign ministry spokesman said.
The spokesman said that the messages carried by Osama el-Baz, director of Mubarak's political office, were part of a new Egyptian diplomatic offensive to unite the Arab front and secure Arab interests.
Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mostapha al-Said went to Iraq on Friday with a message from Mubarak to President Saddam Hussein concerning Arab affairs.
Al-Said is to hold talks with Iraqi officials aimed at finalizing the restoration of economic and commercial links between Cairo and Baghdad, and reopening trade centres in the two capitals.
Iraq's foreign minister visited Cairo in July and met Mubarak. The visit culminated in pledges to reactivate frozen economic agreements between the two countries.
Egypt is a key supplier of arms to Iraq, whose costly war with Iran has now dragged into its third year.
In an exclusive report on Saturday the state-owned *Al-Ahram* newspaper reported that Mubarak had sent a letter to Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri explaining Egypt's view that "joint, coordinated Arab

action is necessary on the part of those states wishing such action to take place, to achieve specific goals." The contacts are aimed at helping the Arabs solve their own problems through solutions "emanating from within the Arab nation instead of waiting for solutions provided by others, be they superpowers or other countries," the report said.
Al-Ahram said Mubarak's letter to Numeiri summed up the goals of the proposed Arab action as "the finding of a decisive formula to end the split within the Palestinian movement," the arrival at a specific outlook aimed at "achieving Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, without giving her (Israel) an excuse for delaying such a withdrawal," and efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war.
In an interview published last Saturday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali hinted that Egypt may be having contacts with Syria.
Egypt currently has diplomatic ties with only three Arab states — Sudan, Somalia, and Oman. Following the 1979 peace treaty with Israel, 17 Arab countries severed links with Egypt. However, there have recently been signs of a rapprochement with moderate Arab, countries, who feel that Egypt's absence from the scene increases their vulnerability to outside threats.

Liberia will resume ties with Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
The Liberian government yesterday announced its decision to resume normal diplomatic relations with Israel.
The government in Monrovia, the capital, said in a statement: "The decision is taken because of the strong belief that continued estrangement and isolation of Israel undermines the prospect for a peaceful solution of the Middle East problem."
Liberia, along with other members of the Organization of African Unity, broke diplomatic ties with Israel in 1973. Zaïre renewed relations with Israel on May 14, 1982.
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday expressed "great satisfaction" at Liberia's decision and said he hoped many other African countries would follow suit.
Officials in Jerusalem were reluctant to point specifically to other countries which might now be regarded as "in line" to follow Liberia's lead. They indicated that contacts had been proceeding with a number of African countries.
Israeli diplomats had sensed distinct movement towards resumption of relations on the part of many African states for several years now, they noted. Discreet efforts to encourage such movement had been maintained throughout the continent and there were frequent meetings on various levels with African representatives both here in Israel and in Africa.
Liberia's decision, one source noted, had come after a long period of hesitation. It was not connected, the source said, with Shamir's recent meeting in Europe with an African leader whose identity was not disclosed.
The statement also noted that the main reason for the severance of ties with Israel — solidarity with Egypt over the occupation of its territory by Israeli armed forces — no longer exists since Egyptian territory has been restored and Egypt has established diplomatic relations with Israel.
A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem said that Israel had received no formal notice of Liberia's decision, adding that Shamir's statement of satisfaction was based on a Monrovia Radio announcement. But ministry officials confirmed that a top-level Liberian delegation had been here last week.
Liberia was colonized and turned into a republic in the 19th century by freed American black slaves. Its civilian president was overthrown in 1980 by a military regime headed by Master Sgt. Samuel Doe, who is now Liberia's president.

U.S., Soviets in clash over asylum for youth

WASHINGTON (AP). — In a major diplomatic standoff, the Soviet Union refused to permit U.S. authorities to talk with a Soviet diplomat's 16-year-old son who reportedly begged President Ronald Reagan to allow him to remain in the U.S.
The refusal was delivered by minister-counsellor Oleg Sokolov, the no. 2 official at the Soviet embassy here, during a 30-minute meeting at the State Department with Richard Burt, assistant secretary of state for European affairs.
Sokolov quelled reports that Andrei Berezkhov had been spirited out of the country, telling reporters at the State Department's diplomatic entrance that the youth was still in the U.S.
Sokolov, the ranking Soviet diplomat in the U.S. in the absence of Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, was said to have told Burt that his country regards the State Department's insistence on interviewing the youth as "unprecedented" and that it views its refusal to permit him to leave the country until such an interview takes place as "a gross violation of international law."
Earlier, the State Department said it had "assurances" that the Soviet teen-ager is still in the U.S.
The Berezkhov incident began as a report of a runaway teenager taking a joy ride in the family car. It now involves the governments of both superpowers.
The youth was said to have written Reagan: "I hate my country and its rules and I love your country. I want to stay here."
The State Department has insisted that the Soviet embassy make the teenager available for an interview with federal officers so they could learn if he wrote those words in letters to the president, as well as to the *New York Times* and if he meant what he said.
Meanwhile, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation stalked out the walled Soviet diplomatic compound in northwest Washington, peering into all automobiles entering and leaving.
The agents were said to be looking for the boy or his father, embassy first secretary Valentin Berezkhov.

Woman military attache
PARIS (AFP). — France yesterday named its first woman as military attache.
Defence Minister Charles Hernu appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Monique Olivier military attache (land forces) at the French Embassy in Washington.

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Report says 'only' 130,000 yordim in U.S.

THE NUMBER of Israelis who have left their country to live in the U.S. has been vastly exaggerated, according to a new study that leans heavily on its findings on statistics from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Estimates of the number of yordim in America vary widely. The often-quoted Lohis Report, issued in 1980 by the then director-general of the Jewish Agency, gave a range of from 300,000 to 500,000.

By contrast, the current analysis reduces these figures to between 100,000 and 130,000.

Authors of the new study are two graduate students at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, both Americans who have lived many years in Israel and have Israeli wives.

Pini Herman and David LaFontaine have reported their findings in a master's thesis for the college's School of Jewish Communal Service, entitled "In Our Footsteps: Israeli Migration to the U.S. and Los Angeles."

Initially accepting the Lohis Report figure of 120,000 Israelis in Los Angeles at face value, 32-year-old Pini Herman and his co-author intended to explore ways of integrating such a large unassimilated population into the resident Jewish community of 500,000.

By the end of their year-long research, Herman and LaFontaine cut the Lohis Report figure for Los Angeles down by 90 per cent and concluded that there were 10,000 to 12,000 yordim in Los Angeles. The equivalent figure for New York, they say, is 50,000.

For the study, says Herman, "we used a previously untapped source of data, the statistical records published annually by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)."

The statistics and follow-up random mail survey yielded a wealth of information, not only on the number of Israelis in the U.S., but their birthplaces, ages, occupations, present locations and marital status.

The INS data covered the years 1951-79, and the authors extrapolated the figures for 1948-50 and 1980-82. The INS statistics counted all incoming Israelis — either born there or travelling on Israeli passports — and divided them between immigrants and non-immigrants (mainly visitors and students) to the U.S.

Combining hard figures, extrapolations and, where necessary, educated guesses, the two students came up with the following breakdown on the Israeli presence in the U.S.:

BETWEEN the birth of the state and 1982, some 80,000 Israelis entered and stayed on as legal immigrants; some 25,000 came as visitors or students but subsequently changed their status to immigrant; and another 25,000 are living in the U.S. as illegal aliens. The last number matches up fairly closely with the figure of 20,000 Israeli illegals reported in the 1980 U.S. Census.

The actual number who entered the U.S. in all these categories is considerably higher, but the authors calculate that at least 33 per cent have re-emigrated, either back to Israel or to other countries. Herman believes that the 33 per cent figure is quite conservative, and a higher return rate could lower the maximum figure of 130,000 Israelis in the U.S. to a low of 100,000.

Herman admits that the re-emigration rate presents the least certain part of the study, but he maintains that even a major error would still leave the total number of yordim well below the popularly accepted figures.

The Herman-LaFontaine study offers other interesting conclusions about the immigrants from Israel.

□ The majority are *babas*, making up 73 per cent of the total during the peak year of 1978.

□ They are young, with nearly three-quarters under the age of 30.

□ More send their children to Jewish schools than their American-Jewish counterparts.

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CHICAGO	18	24	24	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	12	20	20	Cloudy
HANNOVER	18	26	26	Cloudy
HELSINKI	12	20	20	Cloudy
HOUSTON	28	34	34	Clear
JERUSALEM	18	26	26	Clear
LONDON	14	22	22	Clear
MADRID	18	26	26	Clear
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SAO PAULO	18	26	26	Cloudy
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Safed	18-29	20-28
Haifa Port	24-30	30-30
Tiberias	21-36	36-36
Nazareth	19-30	29-29
Afula	19-32	31-31
Shomron	20-30	29-29
Tel Aviv	22-30	30-30
B-G Airport	23-31	30-30
Jericho	20-37	36-36
Gaza	22-29	29-29
Beersheba	30-33	32-32
Eilat	27-41	40-40

LEBANESE

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Ministry in the afternoon. He returned to the Lebanese capital yesterday.

Having come up against Syrian obduracy on the issue of simultaneous withdrawal, and in view of the escalating intercommunal fighting in Lebanon, McFarlane is now focusing on the immediate problem of helping the Jemayel government survive the impending Israeli redeployment intact.

The redeployment is regarded as inexorable in Washington and now in Beirut too. America's concern is that it should not trigger Druse-Christian battles in the Shouf which the Beirut government would prove incapable of containing. In that eventuality — and it is an eventuality that the Syrians are thought to actively desire — the Jemayel regime would probably crumble.

The intensified sense of urgency in the Lebanese situation, and hence in the McFarlane mission, is caused not only by the country's worsening internal condition, but also by the assessment that the Israeli redeployment could now be at hand — and could be accomplished very quickly indeed once the order is given.

Israel, it is reliably understood, has not indicated to the U.S. or to Lebanon what specific time-frame it has in mind. The ceiling has always been that the last date Israel would contemplate staying on its present lines would be mid-October when the weather begins to change.

But, with the work on the Awali line proceeding speedily, the U.S. — and the Lebanese — now believe that within a fortnight from now the IDF will be poised to redeploy. The redeployment itself, and specifically the evacuation of the Shouf Mountains, could be executed within one day.

Jemayel, meanwhile, beleaguered by the Syrian-backed Druse on the one hand and the Phalangist forces on the other, is pressing Israel for a formal public undertaking that the redeployment is part of a withdrawal process. He believes that such a commitment from Israel would strengthen his hand in dealing with opposition groups at home.

He wants Israel to specify a target-date for its total withdrawal from Lebanon, and interim phases for pullbacks south of the Awali line. He acknowledges that such an Israeli programme would still be contingent on Syrian withdrawal — or a firm Syrian withdrawal timetable. But he feels nevertheless that an Israeli commitment in this vein would help him rebuff charges that, by cooperating in the IDF's redeployment, he would be acquiescing in the effective partitioning of his country.

Israel to date has balked at Jemayel's demands for a statement of this kind. Israeli policymakers have said repeatedly that they have no territorial designs on any part of Lebanon.

HOME NEWS

Opposition to Moshav Movement being formed

LACHISH REGION (Itim). — In the wake of the financial crisis that has hit some of the moshav cooperative settlements in this region, an opposition to the official Moshav Movement called the "Movement for the Liberation of Agriculture" has been organized in various moshavim.

A committee of eight moshav members from different settlements is organizing a founding meeting of the movement in the B'nei Brith House in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

The thrust of the opposition movement is the demand for the separation of the moshav's economic functions from its municipal duties. They are demanding that the economic associations (the *aguda*), which deal with the extension or credit and the joint marketing of produce in most moshavim, relinquish these func-

tions and sever their relations with the regional purchasing companies, which concentrate most of the moshavim's economic power, and from the Moshav Movement itself.

The crisis in the moshav movement which has brought one moshav, Noga, to the verge of bankruptcy, centres around the exploitation of the *aguda* in that moshav by some of its members to run up astronomical debts. Some of these debtors then refused to pay them off and began selling their produce through private channels, thus compelling the rest of the members to shoulder responsibility for those debts as signatory guarantors of all moshav debts.

The Itim reporter in the South reports that most of the organizers are identified with the Likud, while the Moshav Movement and its institutions have always been an integral part of the Labour Party.

10 pedestrians among 11 road deaths last week

Eleven persons were killed in 171 road accidents last week. Of those killed, 10 were pedestrians, seven of them minors. One hundred people were seriously injured and 175 lightly injured.

A three-year-old girl was killed and her four-year-old sister was seriously injured when a truck reversed into them in Arava village, in the Western Galilee, on Friday afternoon. Samra Mustapha was killed instantly and her sister, Nasmah, was taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa in serious condition.

In Isfiya, on Mount Carmel, two-year-old Zaher Loueh was killed last night when a van driven by his cousin hit him while he was playing near his house.

One person was killed and five were injured, four of them seriously, in an accident in Tel Aviv on Friday morning. The accident occurred when a car carrying French tourists collided with a bus outside the Country Club. The injured were taken to Wolfson Hospital in Holon.

Yosel Itzhan, 24, of Eilat, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he lost control of his car on the Arava road. He was taken to the Josephthal Hospital in Eilat.

Three persons were injured, two of them seriously, in a head-on collision on the old Haifa-Tel Aviv road on Friday afternoon. The collision occurred when the van in which the injured were driving attempted to overtake another van and collided with a truck travelling in the opposite direction. The injured were taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

An eight-year-old girl from Absan, near Khan Yunis, was seriously injured on Friday morning when she was hit by a truck. She was taken to the Khan Yunis local hospital by the truck driver, who left without giving details about himself or reporting the accident to the police. Witnesses gave the truck's licence plate number to the police. (Itim)

12 years in jail for bombings in Tel Aviv extortion scheme

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Rahamim Haroush, 37, was sentenced to a jail term of 12 years by the district court here on Friday, for bombings he organized as part of an extortion scheme.

This was the first sentence handed down on several persons accused of taking part in a series of bombings two years ago.

Haroush was convicted of using bombs to intimidate businessman Yair Ephrafi, of Tel Aviv. Ephrafi was being sued by another Tel Aviv businessman, Yair Kolton, in the wake of a financial dispute over their partnership. Haroush and another man, Ya'acov Korkin, 27, of Ramat Hasharon, also known as "Yankee" were accused of selling their "services" to Kolton to per-

suaide Ephrafi to pay out sums of money. Another man accused of involvement in the intimidation of Ephrafi was Ilan Tannenbaum.

Haroush was convicted of sending "Yankee" and Tannenbaum to bomb the apartments of Ephrafi family members, and stores owned by Ephrafi. No one was hurt. Before sentencing, Haroush's lawyer asked the court to take into consideration that his client had already spent more than 20 years in reformatories, jails and other institutions. The judges, however, said that other people had had similarly difficult lives, yet found it possible to be law-abiding.

Kolton is to be sentenced next month.



Shlomo Toussia-Cohen (left), Likud candidate for mayor of Jerusalem, receives congratulations from the *mohel* at the circumcision of his son Arnon's first child. Arnon Toussia-Cohen is married to Michal, daughter of Mapam MK Dov Zakin (centre). (Scoop 80)

Reggae star cancels concerts in Israel

TORONTO (Reuters). — Jamaica's Peter Tosh, due to have been the first Reggae star to perform in Israel, has cancelled four October concerts to protest alleged Israeli arms accords with South Africa's white minority government.

Tosh made the announcement Friday in Calgary, Alberta, where he performed on Thursday night.

He is on a 42-city tour of North America.

He said he had been told that Israel had trade alliances and agreements with South Africa and was supplying arms "which are being used against my black brothers and sisters in South Africa."

Tosh's publicist, Charles Comer, said in New York that he told Tosh the cancellations would represent a loss of more than \$80,000.

Italian premier given vote of confidence

ROME (AP). — After a noisy foreign policy dispute with the opposition Communists, newly installed Socialist Prime Minister Bettino Craxi won a vote of confidence in both Houses of parliament.

The 361-243 vote in the lower house, the Chamber of Deputies, was required for the formation of the government. Craxi then won the vote in the Italian Senate by 185-120.

Craxi was sworn in as Italy's first Socialist prime minister on August 4.

Arms sales not on Kohl's agenda in Israel visit

By MEIR MERHAV
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — "Arms sales to third countries are not a topic for discussions in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem," Chancellor Helmut Kohl said on German television on Friday in answer to questions about his visit to Israel at the end of this month and the possibility that Germany might agree to sell Saudi Arabia the 300 Leopard-2 tanks requested two years ago.

Kohl elaborated his position on possible arms sales to Saudi Arabia by saying the subject was not on the agenda of his visit to Israel because there are no negotiations going on over such sales. But he said in the interview that he would discuss the matter if his hosts in the Arab countries he will visit after Israel bring up concrete wishes.

"We shall then have to discuss our common interests very carefully, taking into account the reduction of tensions," Kohl said.

In answer to a question whether he regards the Near East as an "area of tensions" — to which Germany has withheld export licences for arms — Kohl said Germany has exercised restraint with respect to arms exports into such areas since the time of Konrad Adenauer, but that it is no longer the year 1960, but 1983, and that the definition of an "area of tension" must be seen differently today. He added that

German interests should always be considered in this connection, but that there should be an effort to find a reasonable middle way.

The purpose of his visit to the Middle East, Kohl said, was to strengthen the friendly relations between Israel and Germany, and, at the same time, to maintain the friendship with the Arab countries.

When asked whether he felt at ease in going to Israel and holding talks "with a difficult prime minister like Menachem Begin," Kohl said no German carrying political responsibility can go to Israel without carrying with him the heavy burden of what has been done in the name of the German nation to the Jewish people. His advantage, he continued, was that he belongs to a younger generation, and that the accusations that had been unjustly raised against his predecessor, Helmut Schmidt, could not be held against him, since he had been 15 years old when the war ended.

"After the terrible experience of our history and the horrendous deeds committed in Germany's name against the Jewish people, we have, over the decades and under all German governments beginning with that of Adenauer, built up friendly relations with the people and the state of Israel — and I want to deepen them," Kohl declared.

Kohl's carefully worded statement on possible arms sales to Saudi

Arabia — a subject that provoked Begin two years ago to launch a harsh attack on ex-chancellor Schmidt, and soured the relations between Germany and Israel for a long time — distinctly left open the possibility that Germany would "consider its own interests" first, and that the concept of "areas of tension" to which arms exports are barred, will be redefined. Two years ago, Saudi Arabia asked Schmidt for the sale of 300 Leopard-2 tanks, but the sale was eventually blocked by strong opposition in the German Bundestag, particularly within the then ruling Social Democratic Party.

The Leopard-2, equipped with the 120 millimetre smooth-bore gun made by Rheinmetall that is able to crack any existing armour, is regarded as the best battle tank in the world today. It has proved itself superior to the American Abrams M-1 tank, which will also be equipped with the 120 millimetre Rheinmetall gun, produced in the U.S. under licence.

A report two weeks ago that the U.S. Defence Department had informed Congress of its intention to sell Saudi Arabia 100 M-60 (A-3) tanks briefly renewed speculation in the German media that Germany would sell the Saudis the requested Leopard tanks and compensate Israel by licensing it to produce the 120 millimetre smooth-bore gun,

which fires a 32-millimetre armour-piercing projectile. Similar ammunition has been developed in Israel, and the 105-millimetre rifle tank guns with which Israeli tanks are equipped have been adapted to it. The German 120-millimetre gun, however, is superior to it because it has been especially developed for this new armour-piercing ammunition.

A report in *Die Welt* last month said Israel has already developed, and used in the Lebanon war, an active armour — a foil containing explosives that detonate within a nanosecond (a billionth of a second) of the impact of an arrow projectile and deflect it. By the nineties, it is expected that this active armour, which is now hung on the ordinary armour, will be incorporated in it.

Until this happens, however, the supply of Leopard-2 tanks to Saudi Arabia will give that country a definite technological edge over Israeli armour, particularly since the German tank has proved itself far superior to the American M-1 in desert conditions.

Kohl may not wish to place this subject on the agenda of his talks in Israel, but he may not be able to evade it. The Israeli government has repeatedly made it clear it is not about to regard such arms sales as an act of friendship between Germany and Israel which the German chancellor wants to bolster in his visit.



Tons of tomatoes await processing at an Ashdod factory.

(Rahamim Israeli)

Knesset group ends Latin America tour

A Knesset delegation on Friday completed a tour of Venezuela and Colombia and is expected back in Israel this week, the prime minister's office announced.

Israeli ambassador to Colombia Jaime Aron told delegation members that they had not only contributed much to improving Israel's standing but to deepening its ties with the two states.

Exploration society marks 70th year

The 37th congress of the Israel Exploration Society will take place on September 26 and 27 in the presence of President Chaim Herzog. The theme of the congress will be Beit She'arim and the Megiddo Valley.

The congress will be the first activity marking the 70th anniversary of the society.

BEHIND THE NEWS/Robert Rosenberg

Rank-and-file policeman very bitter over his pay

THE POLICEMAN was trying to stay calm. He had caught the large American car driving up a one-way street and double-parking in order to unload merchandise for a fancy Jerusalem boutique. The policeman, a 14-year veteran of the force, a sergeant who spends his days and nights on the streets, was listening to the driver curse him.

"You're a nothing. With one telephone call I can have you erased from the face of the earth. You're a little cockroach for me," the driver was shouting. The policeman was admirably restrained. He ignored the curses and filled out the traffic ticket. He tucked it behind the windshield wiper and waited while the driver, still cursing — and making sure that the policeman knew that he could "buy and sell street cops" — drove away.

"For this," said the policeman, "I take home at the end of a good month, a month when I've worked an extra 100 hours in overnight shifts and weekends, the grand total of IS18,000. Don't ask me why I do it."

ON JANUARY 24, 1979, the government of Israel decided that there would be a parity of pay between the National Police Force and the Israel Defence Forces.

The decision was greeted with some pleasure at national police headquarters, and in the rickety offices of the street patrol in local headquarters.

Finally, said the policemen, after the embarrassment of seeing their wives take up the struggle for better wages, we'll earn enough for a measure of self-respect.

Few considered at the time that the parity arrangement was a good deal for the senior command of the

police. For 20- and 30-year rank and file veterans — the men and women who do the dirty work every police force in the world is called on to do daily — the joy over the arrangement was premature.

Parity made sense for officers above the rank of *pakad* (chief inspector), which is the equivalent of a *seren* (captain) in the army. But while the IDF is top-heavy with officers, the police is loaded with people who will never get as far up the command ladder as *pakad*.

About two-thirds of the country's 7,000 policemen are non-commissioned officers, and they are earning very little money. Some examples: A sergeant major with 13 years' experience and six extra shifts a month took home in July IS24,000. A 20-year *pakad*, with a master's degree, took home last month IS27,000.

But those salaries are high compared with those of the ranks directly below them. A 16-year-veteran corporal — about half the patrol officers in Jerusalem are corporals — took home in July IS20,500. A deputy inspector, with eight years' experience in the force, took home IS20,000. There are policemen who get salaries of IS18,000 a month, net.

Nobody goes into the police in order to get rich. But there is growing discontent, combined with a bitterness about salaries, among the rank and file.

A sub-inspector, sent to command one of the several units that preserved the peace at the doctors' demonstration in Jerusalem in May, commented then that "if the doctors go on strike, why can't the cops? And in any other job, I'd be on strike for what I'm earning when

"I wear this uniform."

THINGS however, are coming to a head. Last month the District Attorney's Office in Tel Aviv presented a defence brief to the District Labour Court, which is hearing the complaint of 17 policemen with the ranks of *pakad* and below, who say that the government has reneged on promises to boost salaries.

Since Pakad Gershon Yehzekel and others presented their case to the labour court more than six months ago, 5,000 policemen or their wives have added their names to the complaint.

At issue is about IS1 billion, which the complainants say was supposed to be retroactively added to their salaries, with three automatic increases — 7.5 per cent in October 1980; 7.5 per cent in January 1981; and 5 per cent in April 1981. These increases were applied to the army's salaries at those times, and therefore, according to the government's decision of January 1979, should have been added to the policeman's salaries.

They weren't. What was particularly shocking to the police — and to Interior Minister Yosef Burg — was that the essence of the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office case is that cabinet decision is "not binding." Anyway, the state argues, the financial crisis of the Israeli economy is "relevant" to the dispute and therefore, the IS1 billion in back salaries cannot be paid.

The district attorney's arguments, presented in a six-page document consisting of 23 sections, made Burg jump. He was moved to issue a forceful statement saying that he had contacted Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir to complain that the defence arguments "do not reflect my view, and there is a government decision to equalize salaries of the army and of the police force and the prison service."

"Any argument that tries to deny that is baseless and does not accord with the cabinet's decision and agreements reached between the

Interior Ministry and the Treasury," the minister's statement said.

BEYOND PARITY of salaries, an issue that was neatly avoided by the cabinet in its original decision was the equalization of conditions of service. IDF officers enjoy easy-term housing loans, medical coverage that includes dental care, and a variety of other benefits that policemen do not yet get.

"If they want to equalize us with the army, then they should go all the way," said an inspector, hearing of the labour court dispute. But whatever the outcome of the labour court sessions as it hears the case of Pakad Yehzekel in the coming weeks and months, the rank and file of the police force harbour little hope of any substantial improvements in their pay.

And ultimately, that has the senior officers in the force worried.

"We have always had the problem of attracting quality people to the force," said one senior officer recently, "but except for highly-trained professionals, there are few job openings for 'parachuted policemen' who enter the force on the level of *rav pakad* or higher. The police force has a hierarchy that starts with the simple *shoter* (constable) and goes up through the ranks. Under the best circumstances it can take five or six years for a *shoter* to rise to the rank of deputy inspector — and many won't ever make it that far."

"I'm not asking that they pay policemen a lot of money. I'm saying that if we aren't able to offer an honourable salary, then they shouldn't expect the policeman on the street or the detective hunting a murderer, to be as competent at his job as a pilot in the air force or a tank commander."

"How can we attract young, bright, ambitious people, if almost any other job they go looking for pays so much more?"

The entire issue of the equalization of policemen's pay to that of the IDF came to a head over a month ago. Nothing has been heard of it since.

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The funeral will take place on Monday, August 15, 1983 at 10.00 a.m. at the Rehovot Cemetery. Shiva will be held at the home of the son of the deceased, Ronny Golding, 4 Hacongress Street, Herzliya Pituah.

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HOME NEWS

Histadrut threatens strike to block budget cuts

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will consider calling a general strike if other methods fail to halt the economic measures proposed by the Treasury.

Histadrut spokesman Shmuel Soler told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the possibility of a strike was the labour federation's "last weapon" in the event that its declared "public struggle" against the proposed budget cuts does not succeed.

The Histadrut's central committee formed a special "action and information headquarters" on Friday to prevent the adoption of measures that would cut into the living standards of salaried workers.

Headed by Yisrael Kessar, deputy secretary-general of the Histadrut and chairman of the trade union department, the body will organize protest through meetings, demonstrations, and lobbying in the Knesset, according to Soler.

Kessar called on the government to adopt a growth policy. "Why doesn't the government try a policy of expansion, investment and growth? That would be an alternative solution to the approach of cutting and contraction," he said.

He emphasized that the Histadrut is ready to cooperate with the government in finding solutions to the economic crisis, but repeated that the Histadrut will not agree to any weakening of the cost-of-living allowance. Kessar pointed out that the Histadrut had agreed to the new allowance system last winter in an effort to help the government curb inflation.

Cohen-Avidov gets nod for Haifa mayor

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The local Herut party secretariat on Thursday night officially resolved that MK Meir Cohen-Avidov will be the party's "sole candidate" for mayor.

The secretariat called on Yael Rom to suspend her campaign for mayor. The national Herut secretariat backed the resolution and warned Rom that she would be indicted before the party's court of honour if she persisted in acting against its wishes.

Rom told *The Jerusalem Post* that the "Likud is committing suicide." She claimed that she was the only candidate capable of beating the Alignment and said she would continue to run as an independent.

"I have no fight with Cohen-Avidov or Tecosky, (the Liberal Party nominee). I am fighting to unseat the incumbent Alignment mayor (Aryeh) Gurel," she said. She said she did not take the threat of indictment seriously "because 30 other candidates throughout the country, who are Herut members, are in a similar position to me."

Rom said she was sure that the majority of the rank and file backed her, and expressed her regret that her 18-month-old appeal against the local party council's decision against her had never been heard.

A Herut spokesman told *The Post* that the party would negotiate with the Liberals to suspend Tecosky's nomination and unite behind Cohen-Avidov as the Likud candidate. According to the local Likud agreement, the Liberals have the prerogative to nominate a mayoral candidate but he must receive Herut approval.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu mayor Reuven Kleiger has decided to contest the elections at the head of an independent list. Kleiger, who was elected as the Alignment candidate in the last elections, made his decision after the local Alignment branch nominated David Anzelevich, currently deputy mayor, as its candidate.

NEWS ANALYSIS/Arthur Max
IDF redeployment boosts Haddad's fortunes

SIDON (AP). — On the mountain-ridge road above Israel's new front line in Lebanon, militiamen of Major Sa'ad Haddad's forces monitor traffic from sandbagged checkpoints, far from their home base in South Lebanon.

The presence of Haddad's men near the Awali River, where Israel is about to redeploy its own army, reflects a revamping of Israeli military and political strategy and the growing rift with the Phalangite force dominated by the family of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

"Haddad is an integral part of the security system. The more he can do the better, and the less we will have to do in policing this area," said an Israeli officer.

Faced with Syrian rejection of the Israeli-Lebanese withdrawal agreement signed in May, Israel is restructuring its deployment behind the natural barrier of the Awali Gorge, leaving 600 square kilometres of the contentious Shouf Mountains behind.

Sheer rock-faced cliffs plunge 400 metres into the shallow river that slices across Lebanon until it broadens into the coastal plain at the bustling Mediterranean port city of Sidon.

The new Israeli strategy relies on hilltop outposts and a riverbed patrol road to stem the infiltration of terrorists and weapons southward. Israeli troops and Haddad's militiamen will man checkpoints on the coastal road and along two or three other access routes into the Israeli-controlled zone.

"In Lebanon, documents are easily forged, and many of our soldiers can't read them anyway. We need Haddad's people with us because they know what to look for," said the officer.

That job was once earmarked for the Lebanese Army or the Christian Phalangite militia. But the central government's army has been slow to build its strength and authority, and Israel is disillusioned with the Phalangists.

The spread of Haddad's influence northward is a dramatic turnabout for the 45-year-old officer who was convicted of desertion from the Lebanese army during the 1975-76 civil war and condemned by most Lebanese as an Israeli puppet.

Until Israel's June 1982 invasion, Haddad ruled a narrow strip of South Lebanon abutting Israel's northern border with a 1,500-man militia trained and paid by Israel. But during the war his preeminence waned as the Israelis joined forces with the powerful Jemayel family.

Haddad now appears to be back in Israel's favour. He has launched a recruitment campaign to build his force to brigade strength and to create a civil guard in the towns loyal to him. He envisages one day controlling all the south.

"We are able to control the territory up to the Awali. No problem, and without the Israelis," Haddad told a few reporters who visited his Marjayoun headquarters last week. He said he needed the Israelis only to keep the Syrians at bay.

From talks with half a dozen townspeople in Nabatiyeh, once a stronghold of the Palestine Liberation Organization, it appeared that Haddad's support was growing because his mixed Moslem-Christian militia was not involved in Lebanon's bloody religious squabbles.

Shopkeepers told of young men leaving school to join Haddad's forces, and said their main worry was that the Christian Phalangite would move into Nabatiyeh.



Anschtz survivors Joseph Bukiet (left) and Felix Wiernick (right) with a soldier at an IDF induction base during a visit by an Israel Bonds delegation last week. Bukiet, of Garfield, New York, and Wiernick, of Costa Rica, recognized each other as having been bunkmates in the death camp some 38 years ago. They had not been aware that they were both participating in the Israel Bonds conference. (Fuchs)

3 held on charges of aiding escapees

Three residents of the Beduin township of Rahat, north of Beersheba, appeared in the Beersheba District Court on Friday on suspicion of aiding two convicts serving life sentences, who escaped from Beersheba prison over two weeks ago.

Salameh Al-Turi, brother of escaped convict Ataweh Haili Al-Turi, the 17-year-old brother of escapee Suleiman Salman Abu-Madigan, and Abu-Madigan's brother-in-law Hussein Abu-Madigan are suspected of giving money and supplies to the escapees. Al-Turi and Abu-Madigan were remanded for four days and the youth for three days.

The three were arrested on Friday morning following a dawn police raid on Rahat. During the raid, a curfew was placed on the area in which the Al-Turi and Abu-Madigan families live. (Iltim)



Puppeteer Amalia Ya'acov-Ophrat in a scene from *Icarus*, a puppet play which premiered in Jerusalem last night, kicking off the First International Festival of Puppet Theatre. (Yers Ezzion)

West outvoted on Israel at UN 'racism conference'

GENEVA (Reuters). — The UN's second World Conference on Racism, overriding protests from Western countries, adopted a declaration and programme of action early yesterday after two weeks of sometimes acrimonious debate.

Western delegates forced a vote on parts of the declaration attacking Israel for what was described as "racial oppression of the Palestinians."

They also objected to sections of a programme of action calling for the diplomatic isolation of South Africa and material assistance for armed struggle to eliminate apartheid there.

Despite Western opposition, both documents were adopted by large majorities shortly before dawn after delegates from about 120 countries had talked through the night plenary session.

African delegates said they were most disappointed that the conference could not have ended harmoniously with the plan of action and declaration being adopted by consensus.

The African group chaired by Ghana made a desperate effort to salvage the conference after the first week when Soviet bloc and Arab diplomats made a strong series of statements condemning Israel and Zionism.

It managed to persuade the Arabs to tone down resolutions, omitting the word Zionism, and hoped the West could agree to them.

"We Africans have bent backwards and compromised in the hope of getting full international consensus," said Ghana's ambassador, Victor Gbeho.

But most Western delegates said they still found clauses condemning Israel unacceptable. They considered the Middle East question did not come within the brief of the conference and that Israeli actions on the West Bank were political and military rather than racial in nature.

New \$5m. sports centre for handicapped

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A MULTI-MILLION dollar sports and rehabilitation centre for thousands of handicapped people in the north is being built in Kiryat Haim.

The project is the brainchild of the Ilan foundation which itself has 2,500 registered handicapped in the region — 1,800 of them in Haifa and surrounding suburbs.

The centre, costing a total of \$5 million, is being built on a 17 dunam plot within a "Green Area" close to the main Haifa-Acre highway. The site was donated by the Israel Lands Administration and the Haifa municipality.

The \$1.2 million first phase will provide a heated indoor swimming pool, changing rooms and a cafeteria. Work started in April and should be completed in a year.

Orit Ebenstein, the national director general of Ilan told reporters that the centre is urgently needed because there are no other sports, recreation or rehabilitation facilities in Haifa and the surrounding areas that can cater to the special needs of the disabled and handicapped.

She said that according to data from the National Insurance Institute there are 350,000 people in the country — virtually ten per cent of the population — who are disabled in one way or another. About 17,000 disabled or handicapped, excluding war veterans, live in the north.

Ebenstein said the new sports and rehabilitation centre will serve thousands of handicapped people in the north, not just those registered with Ilan. It is hoped, eventually, that the building will also provide communal and medical services, thereby eliminating the present dispersion which causes parents and children loss of time and often frustration.

The foundation has so far raised \$800,000 towards the project with the help of a \$250,000 donation from the National Insurance Institute's special fund for developing services for the handicapped and \$50,000 contribution from the Israel Discount Bank.

Ilan fund raisers are in touch with other banks, insurance companies, industry and other institutions. They are also appealing to the public both here and abroad for financial help.

JERUSALEM POST POLL
Fewer now say they're living better

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Fewer people consider their situation has improved more now than did three months ago, while more say there has been no change in their living standards.

This emerged from the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by Modi'in Ezrahi Research Institute, directed by Dr. Sara Shemer. The survey was held among a representative sample of 1,162 adults towards the end of July.

Thus, 55.3 per cent of the public polled in July said their living standards had remained stationary over the previous 12 months, as compared with 49.3 per cent in May.

Three months ago 27.5 per cent reported an improvement in their conditions, while this time only 22.5 per cent did so. Those who said that their living standards were declining remained about the same: 21 per cent in July as compared with 21.5 per cent in May.

In answer to another question, the overwhelming majority of the public says it is for the introduction of summer time: 83.6 per cent were for it, 9.7 per cent were against, and 6.7 per cent were undecided.

Dr. Shemer noted that while most strata of society were for summer time, the ratio was lower among the religious and the Oriental communities.

While 89 per cent of the secularists polled were for summer time and 83 per cent of the "traditionalists," only 61 per cent of the religious took this position.

Blast damages Colombian synagogue

BOGOTA (JTA). — The Beth-El Synagogue, in the coastal Colombian city of Baranquilla, was damaged by an explosive device which detonated only hours after Friday night services ended, the World Jewish Congress reported yesterday.

According to the Confederacion de Asociaciones Judias de Colombia, the central representative body of Colombian Jewry and the WJC affiliate here, the explosion occurred early last month shortly after Sabbath eve services attended by some 150 persons. Despite property damage, there were no casualties.

Edgardo Gorenberg, acting undersecretary of the Latin American branch of the WJC, said the force of the explosion had blown a hole in the roof of the synagogue one metre in diameter. According to the authorities, this was an isolated incident with no group or person having claimed responsibility for the bombing.

In a speech made at the synagogue, the president of the local Jewish communal fund, Daniel Arman, noted that this was not the first act of anti-Semitic violence in the country. He referred to recent incidents in Bogota, particularly vandalism of the Medellin Synagogue there and an attempt against the residence of the Israeli ambassador.

UN dismantles anti-Israel exhibit

UNITED NATIONS (JTA). — An anti-Israeli exhibition here was dismantled last week at the order of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, following a strong Israeli protest. The exhibition of pro-Palestinian posters was sponsored by the secretariat of the UN International Conference on the Question of Palestine, which is scheduled to take place in Geneva from August 29 to September 7.

De Cuellar announced his decision to dismantle the display in the public lobby of the UN headquarters, after Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel protested that the posters were not only anti-Israeli but anti-Semitic as well. Blum drew the attention of the secretary-general to one poster in particular that depicted a hammer smashing a Star of David, fashioned out of chains, on the background of the map of the state of Israel.

Israeli sources said that Blum conveyed his protest first in a telephone conversation with de Cuellar and later submitted the protest in an official letter.

The exhibit consisted of about 40 posters in several languages, published by the Palestine Liberation Organization and other Palestinian and pro-Palestinian groups.

The exhibit was cleared by the UN's exhibits committee. The guidelines of the committee include, among other provisions, the stipulation that "due regard should be paid to the sensitivities of UN member-states." Israeli diplomats said that the exhibition clearly did not meet this particular condition.

A UN spokesman said that the posters that were displayed are part of the personal collection of Daniel Walsh, a resident of Washington.

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Alleged stealing in name of charity

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An alleged confidence man, who is accused of milking charitable institutions of tens of thousands of shekels, has been remanded in custody for 10 days by a magistrate. Police arrested the suspect, Reuven Weissman, 37, of Kiryat Yam, last week after trailing him for five months.

Police said he pretended to be a religious penitent anxious to give his ill-gotten gains from his previous criminal career to charity now that he had seen the light. He told his victims that he was donating the money in the name of his late wife and needed a few thousand shekels to pay off his mother-in-law who was holding the funds he wished to donate.

After he received the payoff money he disappeared.

His alleged victims included national charities, synagogues and the Kiryat Ata burial society. Police yesterday called on persons who may have been cheated in this way to report to the fraud department. Police have information on his alleged operation only in the Haifa area and Hadera.

IDF soldier, 21, killed in Eilat

EILAT (Iltim). — Moshe Shtrum, a 21-year-old soldier from Yehud, was shot dead at close range by unknown persons here on Thursday night. The incident took place on one of the main streets of town.

Three suspects were arrested, aged 20, 21 and 28. They are to be brought before a judge today for an extension of their remands.

A police spokesman said the background to the incident was criminal.

More budget cuts may close field schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Field schools throughout the country, under whose auspices many young people go on excursions and hikes, are faced with the threat of closure, a spokesman for the Ministry of Education and Culture said yesterday.

They may be closed if an additional cut in the budget for youth activities were carried out, he said.

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LA PAZ (Reuters). — Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid meets President Ronald Reagan in this seaside resort today to test Washington's professed backing for a peace plan to end U.S. and Cuban intervention in Central America.

"We want to see how solid Reagan's support is for the Contadora Group," a Mexican diplomat said of the plan by Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama to end all foreign military involvement in the region.

De la Madrid will question Reagan on the terms of his backing for the Contadora peace plan, teleaxed to the White House and Cuban leader Fidel Castro last month, Mexican diplomats said.

Senior Mexican diplomats accuse Reagan of following a hypocritical two-track policy, stepping up military intervention in Central America on the one hand and supporting the Contadora peace bid on the other.

Reagan's recent dispatch of 5,600 U.S. troops to Honduras and 19 battalions to the Pacific off leftist-ruled Nicaragua alarmed Mexican officials, who fear the exercises may trigger a war between the two

countries that could spread through Central America.

Mexico, the strongest financial backer of Nicaragua in the non-Communist world, aims to persuade Reagan to end the U.S. military presence in the area and back Contadora-sponsored negotiations to end regional conflicts.

The tensions stem from clashes between Nicaraguan troops and American-backed rightist rebels operating from Honduras, Washington's strongest ally in Central America.

The diplomats said the brevity of the private talks scheduled to last only 90 minutes — barred breakthroughs, but added that the leaders might narrow their differences.

De la Madrid also plans to press Reagan on commercial and financial issues, but Mexican officials said there would be time for only passing discussion of these topics. Mexico is the third largest U.S. trading partner.

In Mexico's view, the Contadora initiative — launched in January on the Panamanian island of Contadora and endorsed in May by the U.N. Security Council — is

hindered by the conditions for support which Reagan made public two weeks ago.

Reagan says the Organization of American States (OAS) should monitor potential Contadora accords. But Mexican Foreign Ministry officials see this as an obstacle, since Nicaragua rejects the OAS on the grounds it is subservient to Washington.

In Tampa, Florida on Friday Reagan denounced Castro and declared that the U.S. would "pay dearly if it ignored the turmoil in Central America."

In remarks to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Tampa, Reagan suggested that troubled Caribbean and Central American nations could go the way of Cuba under Castro if the U.S. does not help defend them against Communism.

Insisting that Cuba's "repression and economic failure are consistent with what has happened in every Communist country," Reagan pledged he would continue helping U.S. friends in Central America fight what he described as a "far away, totalitarian power."

Cosmonauts' warning averts flood disaster

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet cosmonauts spotted glaciers melting and averted a disaster as their report gave flood-threatened villagers time to head for high ground, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* said yesterday.

Two days ago the Soviet media reported serious flooding in the region of Tadzhikistan after unusually hot weather melted glacier ice, sending water cascading into the valleys.

But yesterday's *Pravda* said the floods would have caused worse damage unless cosmonauts Vladimir Lyakhov and Alexander Alexandrov of the Salyut-7 orbit station had reported what they thought was an uncharted lake.

Soviet geologists in a helicopter inspected the site in the Pamirs, a Soviet central Asian mountain range linked to the Himalayas, and discovered meltwater threatening to pour down the valleys.

Local villagers and people from the regional town of Rushan were told to pack their belongings and prepare to head for high ground.

Engineers constructed a channel to divert the water while shepherds led their flocks to safety, *Pravda* reported.

Earlier reports said entire herds of sheep had been washed away and roads, bridges and railway lines destroyed.

They also said a government commission had been set up to deal with the effects of the floods, usually an indication of serious damage.

But *Pravda's* Tadzhikistan correspondent made no mention of flood damage, reporting that the diverting channel had helped control the flow of glacial water and saved many bridges.

Cosmonauts Lyakhov and Alexandrov have been in space since last June carrying out scientific experiments and photographing the earth.

Lights on again in heart of New York City

NEW YORK (AP). — The lights came back on yesterday morning in a 20-block area in the heart of New York City, where a water pipe break and three-day power blackout cost merchants and manufacturers millions of dollars.

A Consolidated Edison electric company spokesman reported 10,300 customers, including the huge Macy's and Gimbels department stores and the New York Statler Hotel, had lost power. The restoration was completed well ahead of estimates, which had predicted darkness into Monday.

Even seasoned New Yorkers would have trouble recalling adver-

sity to match what they faced on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. At the height of the troubles, the clothing industry was crippled by the massive blackout, half the subway system was halted by torrential rains, and utility strikes were hampering power restoration and telephone service.

New Yorkers are used to such annoyances one or two at a time. But the current spate reached epic proportions early Wednesday when a broken city water main flooded an underground electric power station.

That touched off a 14-hour transformer fire that blacked out 12

square blocks of midtown Manhattan's most crucial business area, from 30th to 42nd Streets between Sixth and Seventh Avenues.

It crippled the city's huge garment industry in the week it is showing new lines to out-of-town buyers. The city's \$17.5-billion-a-year garment industry makes up to 85 per cent of all the women's and children's outerwear produced in the U.S.

Between 7,000 and 10,000 buyers were in town to purchase holiday and resort wear, and most were scheduled to leave New York City Friday.

Belfast police kill two as militant Protestants march

LONDON (AP). — Northern Ireland (AP). — Police killed two men in a gun battle in Northern Ireland yesterday as thousands of Protestants prepared to march in Londonderry in an annual ritual display of sectarian strength.

A Belfast police spokesman said the two men were shot when they opened fire on police at a security barrier in Dungannon, about 19 kilometres from the border with the Irish Republic. A policeman was injured in the shootout and two other men escaped.

In another incident in Markethall, county Armagh, about 21km. from the border, two gunmen opened fire on a policeman opening security gates. The policeman was slightly injured and taken to a

hospital, the spokesman said.

The shootings followed six days of rioting which began last Sunday, the 12th anniversary of internment without trial in Northern Ireland.

Hundreds of extra police and soldiers were on duty yesterday in Londonderry as militant Protestants held a church service and four-km. parade to celebrate a victory over Catholics almost 300 years ago.

Youths threw stones, bottles and petrol bombs at police patrols in the staunchly Roman Catholic Bogside district of Londonderry Friday night, but police said there were no casualties.

In pre-dawn disturbances Friday, police said Catholic youths petrol-bombed police with at least 60 petrol bombs, injuring one officer.

West Germany deports 39 Turks

FRANKFURT (AP). — West Germany deported 39 Turks on Friday as "criminals and illegals" despite protests from human rights groups and German trade unionists, officials said.

A Frankfurt airport spokesman said a plane chartered by the state government of North Rhine-Westphalia departed at 1:30 p.m. carrying the men back to Turkey.

About 50 people demonstrated in the airport terminal against the expulsions and left without incident

after the plane departed, the airport spokesman said.

The Interior Ministry of North Rhine-Westphalia in Dusseldorf said the 39 Turks were detained in the state for either committing crimes or lacking residence permits for West Germany. The ministry did not provide names of those expelled and details about individual cases.

About one-third of the 4.5 registered aliens in West Germany are Turks, the country's largest ethnic group of immigrant workers.

Pretoria claims SA-8s in Angola and Mozambique

PRETORIA (AP). — South Africa said on Friday the Soviet Union has deployed SA-8s, one of its newer surface-to-air missiles, in Angola and Mozambique in a military buildup along South African borders.

Pieter Marais, chairman of Armscor, the state weapons-making company, told reporters the presence of SA-8s in Angola and Mozambique was confirmed three weeks ago through information received from "people in those countries."

The SA-8 is a descendant of the SA-6, which proved effective against Israel's American- and French-made assault jets in the 1973 Middle East war.

The missile reportedly climbs as fast as any airplane below the speed of sound.

The SA-8, carried by an all-terrain vehicle, has never been fired in combat, according to handbooks issued to NATO infantry and armoured forces.

STRIKE. — All domestic and international flights of Greece's Olympic Airways were operating normally yesterday after a court ordered cabin staff striking since Friday back to work, a spokesman for the company said.



Ludovica Rangoni Machiavelli who was released by her kidnappers near Florence on Friday is shown with her fiancé, Massimo Mutti in the garden of her Bologna home. (UPI telephoto)

Kidnappers release Italian model

BOLOGNA (Reuters). — Kidnappers released a photographic model on Thursday in return for a large ransom, the girl's father said.

Ludovica Rangoni Machiavelli, 24, was held for three months in a tent in a rural area, her father said. He added that she had been treated well.

Marquis Niccolò Machiavelli said he had paid "a few hundred million lire" for her release.

"We are not rich and there is no doubt the kidnappers hit the wrong

target," he told reporters at his castle outside Bologna. "They evidently acted on the basis of our name and appearances."

His daughter, who has appeared regularly in fashion magazines, was left by her kidnappers at a motorway garage near Florence on Thursday night. She was kidnapped outside the family castle on May 3.

The family claims descent from Niccolò Machiavelli, the political philosopher, and author of *The Prince*.

Opposition blames Pinochet for 24 deaths during protest

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Chile's opposition leaders have accused President Augusto Pinochet of direct responsibility for 17 deaths during a day of protest against his military rule.

They were backed by the Roman Catholic church which reported a stream of complaints from poor neighbourhoods that the security forces had acted with unnecessary violence.

Seven people were shot dead during anti-government disturbances in Santiago Friday night, bringing the death toll since last Thursday's day of protest against military rule to at least 24.

The Democratic Alliance, which groups most of the banned political parties opposed to Pinochet's 10-year rule, praised the restraint of people who protested peacefully on Thursday in the fourth anti-government demonstration in four months.

It said in a statement Friday night that the violence was "the fruit of measures announced and adopted by the head of state, the only one responsible for the situation which resulted."

Government Secretary-General Alfonso Marquez said 17 people, including three children, were killed and 62 wounded, including nine members of the security forces, in disturbances which erupted mainly during a dusk-to-dawn curfew enforced in Santiago by heavily armed troops on Thursday night.

Fresh disturbances were reported Friday in the medical faculty of the University of Chile and in Santiago's poor neighbourhood of La Legua where barricades were erected. Witnesses said paramilitary police fired tear gas to end the protest.

Press reports said up to 1,200 people were arrested throughout the country. No official figure was given.

Protests in Pakistan today against constitutional plans

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Several of Pakistan's opposition politicians yesterday rejected President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's plans to restore democracy by early 1985 and demanded early elections.

The politicians, most of them from an alliance of eight banned opposition parties, said they would go ahead today with plans to start a civil disobedience campaign against the six-year-old military government.

Zia, who toppled former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a military coup in 1977, on Friday unveiled a plan to end martial law and give the president sweeping powers.

Although the plan calls for an elected national assembly, the president will have the power to appoint the prime minister, heads of the armed forces, the chief justice and electoral commission members and

to veto legislation. Zia did not say how the president would be chosen.

Faruk Leghari, secretary-general of the late Bhutto's banned Pakistan People's Party, said in a statement that Zia had no right to change the 1973 constitution, which called for parliamentary democracy and a figurehead president.

Karachi's main protest will be held today at the mausoleum of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan. City authorities have already issued a warning that all persons not respecting the sanctity of Jinnah's tomb would be considered lawbreakers.

Police have continued rounding up political leaders in an attempt to prevent them from staging street rallies today. There are no official figures on the number of arrests, but opposition sources say about 150 persons are in custody.

Prince Charles falls off horse again

CIRENCESTER, England (AP). — Yet again, that intrepid horseman Prince Charles and his mount parted company here on Friday.

The 34-year-old heir to the British throne lost his seat when his pony pulled up suddenly during a polo match at Cirencester Park in Gloucestershire.

Charles sat on the ground furiously thumping the turf with his polo stick while his erstwhile mount

stood nearby looking on.

The team in which the prince was playing, the Maple Leaves, lost the match.

The prince, who was not hurt, is a good horseman but has developed an unfortunate reputation for coming off.

He has parted company with polo ponies on at least a dozen occasions in recent years and twice fell off racehorses in 1981.

Trudeau shuffles cabinet as popularity sags

OTTAWA (AP). — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau on Friday shuffled his cabinet for the third time in the past year, putting new faces in the government at a time when his Liberal party is sag-

ging badly in public opinion polls.

Environment Minister John Roberts was named Employment Minister. Shifted from Employment to Transport was Lloyd Axworthy, whose suggestion earlier this week that expanded work-sharing could be a major part of the answer to unemployment was derided by Labour leaders and newspaper editorials nationwide.

Jean-Jacques Blais, former minister of Supply and Services, was appointed defence minister, which has not been an important policy-making position in Trudeau's cabinets.

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Nigeria opposition accepts Shagari's election

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP). — The principal opposition Union Party said on Friday it would not contest the results of the presidential election that returned President Shehu Shagari to power by an overwhelming margin. Nigerian voters were to return to the polls yesterday to choose 19 state governors.

The Union Party's decision was a sign that the opposition parties would accept the election results despite several grievances that have emerged about the conduct of the presidential contest in which Shagari defeated five other candidates and won 47 per cent of the 25.4 million votes cast.

Actor James Stewart treated for skin cancer

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Film actor James Stewart, 75, is undergoing radiation treatment for skin cancer, officials at St. John's Hospital in Los Angeles said on Friday.

The cancer was said to be slight and Stewart, a star of more than 80 films, is an out-patient at the hospital.

The treatment is on the left side of his face and is expected to be completed by the middle of the week, the officials said.

Soviet activist threatened with jail

MOSCOW (AP). — Sergei Rosenoer, a founder of an unofficial Soviet peace group whose members have complained of harassment, said on Thursday that authorities have threatened to jail him for two years unless he proves he has a job.

Rosenoer, a 30-year-old mathematician who said he was fired from his teaching job five months ago, told the Associated Press in a telephone call that he did not want to tell police where he now works in fear his new boss would be pressured into dismissing him.

Two Norwegian seamen drowned in collision

VIGO, Spain (Reuters). — Two Norwegian seamen, including the captain, were missing and feared dead when their cargo ship sank yesterday following a collision with a Libyan vessel off the northwest coast of Spain, a navy official said here.

The 5,728-ton Libyan ship Ebn Magid survived the collision in thick fog, but the 1,050-ton Danish ship *Lonell* sank quickly and two of the eight crew were missing from the lifeboat picked up by the Ebn Magid, he said.

Their names were not immediately available.

New foreign minister named in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (AP). — Brig. Gen. Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores named civilian lawyer Fernando Diaz Duran foreign minister on Thursday in the first cabinet change since the military seized power in a coup.

Diaz Duran, 45, a professor of law at the Rafael Landivar Catholic University, will take office on Tuesday.

Mejia Victores took control of the government last Monday after ousting Brig. Gen. Efraim Rios Montt.

Berlin wall lauded on birthday

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — Communist East Germany marked the 22nd anniversary of the Berlin wall yesterday with a declaration that it was built to serve the cause of peace.

An editorial in the party daily *Neues Deutschland* said the building of the wall and a strengthening of the inter-German border foiled a Western plan to incorporate East Germany into West Germany.

Pilate statue blown-up on eve of pope's Lourdes visit

LOURDES (Reuters). — Anti-church extremists blew up a religious statue in Lourdes on Friday and threatened to disrupt Pope John Paul's pilgrimage to the holy city in the French Pyrenees starting today.

A large bronze statue of Pontius Pilate sitting in judgment on Jesus was shattered by a powerful charge of dynamite in the 2 a.m. blast. Fragments of the figure, weighing half a ton, were hurled 200 metres. Police said a mysterious group identifying itself by several anti-clerical names claimed it exploded the bomb.

A spokesman reported that a telephone caller from the "Anti-priest" or "Stop the Priests" organisation warned there would be further attacks over the weekend despite strict security precautions during the pope's two-day visit.

The group said the explosion was a protest against "The visit by the head of the Vatican multinational." The bishop of Lourdes, Monsignor Henri Donze, condemned it as "stupid, derisory and cowardly," while the Deputy Mayor of Lourdes, Maurice Abad, called it an "act of intimidation."

Father Joseph Bordes, rector of the holy sanctuaries, said: "The pope has visited the trouble spots of the world to preach the civilisation of love. He is a man of dialogue who condemns violence, terrorism and cowardice. We will not give in to blackmail."

More than 3,000 police have been mobilised to ensure John Paul's safety during the first visit by a reigning pontiff to Lourdes, where hundreds of people claim to have been miraculously cured of illness and injury.

Swiss warder helped Italian financier flee from prison

GENEVA (Reuters). — A warder at Champdillon Prison in Geneva has confessed to helping Licio Gelli, the Italian Masonic lodge leader, to escape, a Swiss judge said on Friday.

Investigating Judge Jean-Pierre Trembley declined to name the warder, but said he had driven Gelli from jail in his own vehicle and across the border to France.

The judge told a press conference there was no doubt that Gelli, whose disappearance from jail was reported two days ago, had escaped and had not been kidnapped. The warder was paid 20,000 Swiss francs (15,570,000) for his help, the judge said.

Gelli, a financier at the heart of one of the most far-reaching scandals in Western Europe, was arrested in Geneva last September. Italy has asked for his extradition on 15 charges in connection with the collapse last year of the country's largest private bank, the Milan Banco Ambrosiano.

An Italian magazine said last week that an employee of Champdillon from Tuscany had helped Gelli, but Trembley made clear that the arrested warder was a different man. He comes from the Geneva region and was identified simply as Edouard C.

Police sources said the man confessed during an investigation of all the staff at Champdillon, which is only 1.5 kilometres from the French border.

Trembley told the news conference that evidence found in Gelli's cell indicating he may have been kidnapped had been planted by the warder.

The Masonic leader was a close associate of the former chief of Ambrosiano, Roberto Calvi, who was found hanged under a bridge in London last year. Calvi's family believe he was murdered.

The Swiss Federal Tribunal has announced it will issue a final ruling on Gelli's extradition on August 19, despite his absence. The charges he faces in Italy include fraud and fraudulent bankruptcy.

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Cutting butter and bullets

THE CABINET today is scheduled to conclude its deliberations on the Treasury's demand that the defence budget be cut by 1520 billion. Judging by the remarks made by some ministers after Thursday's initial meeting on this issue, the Cabinet is ready to yield the axe, despite the protests of the defence minister, the chief of staff and their top advisers.

No doubt there are areas of waste in the army that could stand a stiff broom. And army protestations that these are only marginal in the context of a 1520 billion threat are besides the point. In large organizations as in small, waste begets waste, and the Israeli army, which has grown profoundly since the Yom Kippur War, must always be on guard against permitting its size and technological sophistication from producing a psychology of affluence.

It was to combat such insidious complacency that the former chief of staff, Rafael Eitan, ordered troops in training to gather spent cartridges. Such efforts, largely symbolic, must be complemented by systematic machineries of cost controls.

But the Cabinet is not dealing with waste. Rather it is being asked by the Treasury not to cut the defence budget, but to reorder and reduce defence priorities. For the defence budget is not simply an allocation, it is a prescription for defence priorities and policies.

Nothing has changed in Israel's security situation since the present budget was approved some four months ago. If, as Commerce Minister Gideon Patt claimed after Thursday's meeting, the defence chiefs were trying to sell the Cabinet a pot of porridge, where was he when the budget was first approved?

What has changed is to be found not in Israel's defence needs, but rather in the nerves of the Cabinet. The ministers were all too ready to ride the politically useful gravy train of Yoram Aridor. They ignored and derided the warnings from all sides that the train, fuelled by printing money, was bound to smash up. Now that catastrophe is in sight, they are desperate, ready to scuttle, without systematic analysis, the army's carefully wrought advance planning on which its budget is based.

Nor are they willing to take the blame upon themselves for such cavalier treatment of defence needs. They would rather blame the army, like Mr. Patt did. And they would rather trade in irrelevancies, like arguing that if welfare budgets are cut, the army cannot be immune.

Oddly there is one argument the ministers are not prepared to use, namely that the Lebanese war has cost so much, that there is no alternative but to take risks with the nation's future safety. That argument is apparently too embarrassing, just as it is too embarrassing to admit that the government's economic policy since Mr. Aridor took office has been disastrous.

It is always possible to try to bamboozle the public with fancy or misleading rhetoric. The present government has an impressive record in that department. But ultimately the damage of mistaken policies emerges. The economic damage of the Treasury's policies has already begun to emerge. That can eventually be repaired, though not without suffering, when the public's trust in government policy is restored.

But damage to the country's defence strength is not so easily bandaged. It is remarkable indeed, and worrying, that this government, with its history of failure and misplaced priorities, should be so bold as to assume the responsibility for inflicting such damage.

YORDIM IN U.S.

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□ They match, in general, the economic standing and occupational spread of the native Jewish population. More than 70 per cent work in the professions and other white collar jobs, and, contrary to popular belief, only five per cent work as taxi drivers or in other service jobs.

□ The flow of Israeli immigrants fluctuates with economic conditions, but in recent years has been increasing at the rate of 10 per cent annually.

JEWISH POPULATION experts contacted by this correspondent reserved judgment on the study until they could analyse its methodology, but at least one reputable demographer backed the basic thrust of the study's thesis. He is Prof. Bruce Phillips, of the Hebrew Union College, who cites the opinions of Jewish population analysts in New York and Israel among them Prof. Sergio della Pergola of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem — who have questioned the high figures quoted in the Lahis Report. If one accepts the Herman-LuFontaine figures, why have other Israeli and American-Jewish analysts been so far off the mark? Official Israeli figures are inaccurate, Herman maintains, and one reason is that the government counts any Israeli who does not return within four years after departure as an emigrant. In reality, many yordim are "birds of passage," who alternate between living in the U.S. and Israel, often in roughly eight-year cycles, says Herman. In general, Herman doubts that Israeli authorities keep a close count on how many of its citizens are abroad. "When I was an officer in the Israeli Defence Forces," he says, "one of my jobs was to keep track of how many of our unit's reservists were available and how many were away. Even for my small unit, I had a hard time getting accurate information."

American Jews, he says, have readily accepted claims of massive yordim, partially to assuage their repressed guilt at not going on aliya to Israel themselves. Prof. Phillips cites as another reason the "social visibility factor" of the tightly-clustered Israeli enclaves in American cities. "For example, if one black family moves

into a hitherto all-white block, his neighbours tend to feel that half the block has become black," says Phillips.

"Similarly, in a study I conducted on the Jewish population of Los Angeles, we divided the city by postal zones and then asked a random sampling of gentiles to estimate the percentage of Jews in their neighbourhoods," he adds.

"In one area, the gentiles estimated that one-quarter to one-half of their zone's population was Jewish. The actual proportion was 1 per cent, and we found similar results in other parts of the city."

AS IF to confirm Dr. Phillips' analysis, the Jewish Federation Council has just released a report compiled by its Commission on Israelis. Among the 46 commission members are the Israel consul-general (ex officio), long-time resident Israeli and an impressive roster of American academicians, social workers and communal activists.

Some of the commission's conclusions and recommendations are worth quoting:

□ Israelis tend to regard themselves as temporary sojourners within American society, subject to the "packed suitcase" syndrome... they tend to cluster within their own enclaves and have limited contact with the organized Jewish community.

□ It is a direct confrontation of American Jewish support for the State of Israel when large numbers of Israelis choose to immigrate (to the U.S.).

□ (Nevertheless) Israelis are entitled to the services of the Jewish Federation Council no less than other Jews. Attitudes of derision and scorn and use of demeaning terms such as yored should not be employed.

□ New programmes should be created to enable Israelis to fortify and strengthen their Jewish identity... Israelis can be mobilized for Jewish activities and should be approached to assume leadership roles.

□ There should be an active search for methods to assist Israelis who wish to return to Israel.

ACCORDING to many economic experts in this country, attempts to curb inflation and deal with this land's economic maladies are failing, or are being ignored. The persistent cry is for action to head off some sort of debacle. It is in this context that the people of Israel read about and hear about increasing predictions of higher unemployment.

Decision-makers here may look with envy at their American and European counterparts for being able to control inflationary conditions, at least for the time being. A closer look, however, would reveal nearly 35 million unemployed on both sides of the Atlantic in various stages of distress and despair — many with families worried about basic concerns such as food, health care and housing.

Were the rate of unemployment allowed to rise as a remedy for Israel's economic woes, such a course of action would have serious ramifications for individuals, as well as for the social welfare system, and not just for the short run, but very possibly for years to come in terms of increasing people's dependency on the state.

Work is a major factor in shaping human existence. Any threat to a person's job is a severe challenge to

DOLLAR FEVER is here to stay, at least for the foreseeable future, despite recent attempts by the U.S. and four of its allies to stop it, foreign exchange analysts say.

With the dollar reaching record levels on foreign exchange markets in the past week or so, government central banks have paid out an estimated \$2 billion to meet its rise. But analysts interviewed agreed that this had merely prevented the dollar from getting even more out of hand.

The governments of the U.S., West Germany, Japan, France and Switzerland have acknowledged that their central banks began taking official concerted action on July 29, selling dollars because of fears about the currency's strength and volatility.

Britain has not joined in the selling. "The Bank of England is not too worried about sterling's level against the dollar, as sterling is holding up well against the major European currencies," a foreign exchange dealer in London explains.

Meanwhile, the selling by other governments has had only a limited impact so far.

"It has stopped some of the speculation, but it will not change

SOCIAL DANGERS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

By RICHARD ISRALOWITZ

his or her survival and self-image. At any level of society, losing your job may be a shattering experience, bringing the threat of a deterioration in status. There is also the threat of things becoming much worse than they are, even when there are security provisions such as government unemployment benefits.

In a diminishing labour market, the stress is increased by the fact that employment will be more difficult to find. As each day's newspaper carries announcements of increased inflation and the need to cut back on government spending, as well as subsidies at all levels, the stress escalates for the unemployed (including new immigrants) and those susceptible to being laid off.

WITH THE exceptions of chronic

illness or the death of a loved one, unemployment ranks as the most significant cause of stress, and can represent the most acute crisis in the life of an individual. Epidemiological research conducted in Great Britain and the U.S. has indicated that unemployment is related to: the number of first time admissions to psychiatric hospitals; the rates of suicide and homicide; consumption of alcohol and deaths from cirrhosis of the liver; heart and vascular disease; and infant and maternal disorders.

Unemployment is a health crisis of tragic proportions. For many people, the loss of work represents not only financial insecurity, but also a bio-psychological assault of such magnitude that it must be considered as a public health menace. Retrospective studies of job loss in

industrialized countries have found not only severe economic loss permeating the community, but even increases in problems such as affective and psychosomatic disorders, reduced social interaction and alienation, alcoholism, child abuse, family violence, desertion, divorce and crime. In one study of employment, ... workers expressed the belief that a job has to be "pretty bad" before it is worse than no job at all.

If and when a decision is made to reduce Israel's work force, there can be no guarantee that the action taken will be a limited one. It may not affect only a few isolated individuals; the situation may be such that entire production plants would be closed, resulting in a large influx of displaced workers into a very limited job market.

For some neighbourhood communities and development towns, the results would be devastating. It may be argued that rising unemployment in Israel would only be for a short-term development, one to help us cope with difficult economic conditions. The evidence from other countries is clear, however, that even in light of so-called economic recovery, many unemployed workers will not be returning to their old jobs. These people have not merely lost their positions because of lower production demands; instead, the jobs they once held are becoming archaic, the workers' skills obsolete.

UNEMPLOYMENT affects workers, their families and their communities. If the country is to maintain or re-establish (depending on one's perspective) its paradigm of moral values and high moral standards, then induced unemployment or even the threat of such action is no route to go. Certainly, it is neither a substitute for the economic reforms that must be initiated nor a way of promoting the nation's social welfare.

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DOLLAR FEVER

By DEBBIE TENNISON

the basic direction in which currencies are moving," says Paul Horne, European economic analyst for the Paris-based Smith, Barney, Harris, Upham.

That basic direction has been established since 1980. From the end of June 1980, the dollar has mushroomed by 52 per cent against the West German mark; 97 per cent against the French franc; 12 per cent against the Japanese yen; 89 per cent against the Italian lira; and 59 per cent against the pound sterling.

In 1983 alone, the dollar has risen by 11 per cent against the West German mark, and was at an eight-year high just as the concerted intervention began. The dollar has also risen by 16.6 per cent against the French franc this year, and continues at a record high level.

SINCE central banks seem unable to alter the dollar's underlying

strength through intervention, are governments simply wasting money by selling dollars?

C. Fred Bergsten, the former Carter administration Treasury official who directs the Washington-based Institute for International Economics, declares: "The fact that they (the central banks) did not turn the situation around immediately with the intervention does not mean it is a failure. It did keep the situation from getting worse."

The intervention also gives credence to pledges the U.S. made at last May's Williamsburg economic summit, where it and other major industrial nations agreed to cooperate in calming disorderly markets. This is the first such official concerted action since then.

While the U.S. is showing a more cooperative spirit about currency intervention, analysts contend that this development does not mean the

Reagan Administration has changed its basic opposition to intervention as a long-term method of controlling exchange rates. The current intervention is not expected to be long-lasting or massive.

Even if the intervention were in larger doses, analysts do not think it would get at the heart of the problem.

The economic recovery is so strong in the U.S. that government policy makers are not under pressure to do anything about interest rates yet. Bergsten says there are only a few voices in the wilderness saying that high interest rates will slow next year's recovery.

Others say the French, among the staunchest critics of the U.S. for its strong dollar and high interest rates, tend to focus too much on U.S. interest rates, that there is no need to worry unless the rates rise so much that the U.S. recovery grinds to a

halt. But no one expects this to happen.

If it did, the worst fears of the Europeans could be realized, because it would almost certainly dampen Europe's own economic prospects.

Meanwhile, a strong dollar has equally worrying consequences for the world's poorer countries, many of which have debts in dollars.

They must pay out more local currency to pay off these debts, and a stronger dollar also means their imports cost more.

The U.S., of course, is anxious to avoid another round of international banking jitters like the ones last year when several Third-World countries were unable to repay their loans.

What, then, are the chances that the current central bank selling will halt the dollar fever?

George De Nemeskeri-Kiss, economist for Chase Manhattan Bank in London, says that for intervention to be successful, the Europeans would have to accompany it with their own increased interest rates.

But higher rates would be likely to snuff out Europe's fragile recovery. "Europe cannot afford to do this," he says (Reuters).

READERS' LETTERS

PROBLEMS IN NAHARIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Revisiting Nahariya after several years, I was appalled by the change in the appearance of the town and its beaches.

There are heaps of rubbish along the roads, apparently accumulated over a long period. Except for the main beach, where there is an entrance fee, the whole shoreline is one continuous rubbish dump with not a single dustbin in sight. To reach the sea, you have to step over masses of bottles and other garbage, with pieces of broken glass concealed in the sand.

It will be quite a job to clean up this mess. In the meantime, however, the authorities should install containers at regular intervals, as is done around the Sea of Galilee, so that at least those with a sense of

cleanliness can dispose of the leftovers of their picnics.

I love Nahariya and will come back, but the average tourist will visit such a beach only once.

Another repugnant problem will also have to be solved: unaccompanied women cannot walk the streets or sit on the beach without being accosted by very insistent young men. That this can also happen in Italy is no consolation.

Israel wants tourists and its potential is enormous. But some basic problems have to be solved to make them come. Aside from high prices in hotels and restaurants, the two above problems are those most discussed by returning and prospective tourists.

WALTRAUD LAUBACH
Nahariya (Rosenheim, Germany).

CONSERVATIVE CONVERSION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Rabbi Arnold M. Goodman's article (August 3) on the American Reform movement's decision to award Jewish status to the issue of non-Jewish mothers and on his own (Conservative) movement's rejection of it, made informative reading.

The latter's requirements for conversion, according to his authoritative statement, include study — which is not an halachic one — but omit the *sine qua non* *kabbalat mitzvot*, the solemn undertaking by the new convert to observe the commandments of the Torah. One wonders why.

For the Conservatives to challenge Reform's departure from Halacha without challenging "its right to develop (in Israel) its own model of Jewish life," does not strike me as consistent. Such a Voltairean pose hardly benefits a religious movement which claims "halachic credentials and commitment" and does not like to see them challenged.

RABBI DR. ALEXANDER CARLEBACH
Jerusalem.

FAREWELL TO TOURISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is now six months that the escalator at Ben Gurion Airport is out of order. For a country which calls itself a paradise for tourists, this is simply incredible. Or does nobody care about people who are leaving the country?

Ben Gurion Airport is otherwise a modern airport with greatly improved service. This broken escalator should be repaired immediately for the benefit of departing elderly or otherwise impaired travellers.

I.K.
(Name and address supplied.)

TEL AVIV LOO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have just returned from a holiday in Israel and while I was there, I discovered that the best guarded secret in Tel Aviv is the whereabouts of the public loo in Dizengoff Street.

Thousands of tourists pass this way all day long and there is not one sign to indicate where it is and how to find it.

When one finds the loo, there is no running water with which to wash one's hands.

The Tel Aviv Council should be ashamed of itself.

J. TSHULAK
London.

HEBRON'S ISLAMIC COLLEGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A chorus of hate has followed the attack on pupils at the Islamic College in Hebron.

What is being overlooked is the fact that the college was set up with the encouragement and financial help of the Israeli administration; and when it opened its doors 10 years ago, the first students were Israeli Arabs, enabled to learn there with the help of scholarships from our own Ministry of Religious Affairs.

MEIR ABELSON
Jerusalem.

FERNAND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After coming here from Nazi Germany in 1934, I started to read what was then called The Palestine Post and have done so continuously since then.

My Sabra children followed my example and today, my second-generation Sabra grandchildren collect "Fernand" and exchange them like postage stamps.

I think this is a proud achievement for a newspaper. Long live Fernand!

REGINA SUESS
Beersheba.

MEDICAL ARBITRATOR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Whatever the qualifications of the personality finally selected to arbitrate the doctors' dispute, I must protest against the statement of the Israel Medical Association to the effect that they do not want a judge as an arbitrator, as they feel he would approach the problem from a "legalistic" rather than an economic standpoint (July 14). Woe to the society where disputes cannot be settled on the basis of justice, but where economic motives have to be decisive.

The Israel doctors have clearly shown that law, ethics and morality are only secondary values for them. Now they denigrate professionally trained arbitrators, which judges are meant to be.

GERARD POLAK
Jerusalem.

SOVIET JEWRY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On behalf of the Jerusalem Volunteers for Soviet Jewry, I would like to thank you for the coverage that your paper has given concerning the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Our project on Tisha Be'Av to collect signatures on a petition for Yosef Begun — a Hebrew teacher awaiting trial for the third time — was successful. The petition shows that Israelis do care about the fate of the refuseniks and the Prisoners of Zion.

We will be presenting the petition to the Knesset, urging them to contact Western governments and request that they protest to the Soviet Union against the trial of Yosef Begun and demand his release so that he can make aliya to Israel.

LESSA ROSKIN
Jerusalem.

JEWISH QUARTER IN HEBRON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I want to express support for Professor Arens' statement that the Jewish quarter of Hebron should be rebuilt like its predecessor in Jerusalem.

That statement should be blessed for one principal reason: it is time for us to honour the memory of all those Jews who were persecuted by the Arab citizens of Hebron in 1929.

Haifa. ISRAEL ZIEGELMAN

PARANOIA IN THE MIDDLE EAST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A. Brod's letter of June 29, in which he demands that the Foreign Ministry lodge a protest with France because a street of the Old City of Carcassonne, France, is named "Rue du PLO" amused and saddened me.

I was amused by the ignorance displayed. The PLO is called the OLP in French, and if a street of the Old City of Carcassonne had been renamed in honour of that organization, it would have been called "Rue de l'OLP." Furthermore, no street of the Old City of Carcassonne has been renamed for any reason since the Middle Ages. This street has been called "Rue du PLO" since the 14th century.

The letter saddened me since it made me realize more than ever the paranoia that holds sway in Israel at present even at the mention of the PLO. It has become an unmentionable dirty word which provokes the same contempt as "Zionist" or "Capitalist" inspires in Soviet Russia, or "Communist" in the United States. And because of ignorance, fanaticism and religious and secular paranoia (both Arab and Jewish), more and more people are being killed every day in your country.

PROFESSOR CHARLES STARR
Nice, France.

STRANGE DECISION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As reported in The Jerusalem Post of August 2, the decision of the acting president of the Supreme Court, Meir Shamgar, gives rise to some important legal questions.

If the employee of a village council who was convicted of passing privileged information to sworn enemies of the state is entitled to severance pay after having served a jail sentence, then what about employees who steal from their employers, maim or pilfer, bank employees who pocket cash, etc.? Are they also entitled to severance pay if their employers have the temerity to fire them?

HAROLD ROUDA
Petah Tikva.

SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In reference to your Knesset report on a proposed ban on smoking in public places, it is incredible that there should be any question of the necessity of a total ban.

Any knowledgeable person is well aware of the dangers of smoking. Israel is light-years behind Canada and the U.S. in acknowledging and accepting the rights of non-smokers to breathe clean air.

The enjoyment of my visit here has been considerably spoiled by my many experiences with smokers, especially on buses. Aside from being allergic to smoke, as many people are, I also recently had a bout with cancer.

Since many smokers obviously don't care about the harm they are causing others, Israel must enact laws for the protection of the public.

SHEILA AUSTIN
But Yam (Vancouver).

CONTACT WITH ISRAELIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Michelle Steck's letter of August 1 concerning tourists' lack of contact with Israelis and would suggest that other towns copy the very successful home hospitality scheme, initiated in Nahariya some years ago.

The municipality, or the representative of a private travel organisation, arranges for members of organised tours, either English or German speaking, to be regularly invited to residents' homes for a chat, a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. Many a time foreign tourists have remarked that an evening of this kind was the highlight of their stay in Israel, as they were able to see at first hand how we live, to ask about our past and present lives and in many cases, contact was maintained long after the tourists returned to their own countries.

GRETE ROESLER
Nahariya.

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